

LYNNWOOD LIBRARY – LIBRARIAN’S REPORT – June 2014

Lynnwood Library – Statistical Summary	JUN-14		JUN-13		% Change
Items Checked Out/Renewed	65,724		71,284		-7.80%
Items Checked Out/Renewed YTD	381,602		436,594		-12.59%
Door Count	38,340		39,138		-2.04%
Door Count YTD	226,985		235,031		-3.42%
Program Attendance	3,597		4,724		-23.85%
Program Attendance YTD	10,837		13,182		-17.78%

WHAT’S NEW

The Summer Reading campaign, “Explore Summer: Fizz, Boom, Read!” got into full swing with the kickoff party on June 19. The “Reptile Man,” zoologist and educator Scott Petersen led a lively presentation featuring a tortoise, a viper, and an alligator. The crowd was standing room only, but luckily both Scott and the animals were very patient and let some of the kids get a closer look after the program was finished.

The reading campaign will feature a weekly “circuit series” of programs throughout the summer hosted by a librarian from each of the south district locations. In the case of Lynnwood Library, two of the librarians, Karin Thomsen and Sarah Zabel will present programs at Lynnwood and neighboring libraries on the topics costume making with found objects and collecting sea shells. For Sarah’s sea shell program, a library customer had an exceptional collection gathered from around the globe that they were willing to donate, so each child received some beautiful shells just for participating.

Thus far, sign-ups have been good for the campaign overall. Many children are excited about the bicycles that the Masons have donated to Sno-Isle libraries (two lucky winners will be chosen at each of our locations – Lynnwood’s two bicycles are prominently displayed on brackets hanging in front of the children’s area windows). Kids are eager to share their completed list of books read and examples of learning activities they participated in over the summer.

OUTREACH

At the beginning of the month, school visits were in full swing. Librarians visited nearly all the local public schools in addition to many of the private schools. Karin Thomsen notes that Providence Classical Christian has outgrown its space in Lynnwood, so will be moving to Kirkland. Karin noted how polite the kids there are. “They stand up when they ask a question.” Karin noted that visiting Beverly Elementary is also a pleasure. School Librarian “Joan Maybank has such a good relationship with the students and many of them are very enthusiastic readers.” Karin pointed out that having a strong teacher and/or librarian presence quite often results in better participation rates for the many schools she sees every year. And kids who participate tend to do better academically as they maintain their reading skills throughout the year.

The Managing Librarian was invited to speak at a county-wide meeting for the WorkSource Snohomish staff on June 13. He covered a wide range of library services, including numerous online databases designed to help the job seeker and entrepreneur. This presentation seems to have spurred further interest, as WorkSource has extended the invitation for additional library presentations directly to WorkSource clients. For example, the library has lined up a workshop for ex-employees who were recently laid off by Boeing. The workshop is scheduled for July at the WorkSource headquarters in Everett.

FACILITIES

Once again, the water feature in front of the library malfunctioned, resulting in the storage room flooding and carpet getting soaked. The feature is a pleasure to look at when it is working properly, but has been problematic for years. At present, City Building Maintenance has deactivated the feature indefinitely.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Delury,

Managing Librarian